



## Earliest Readers (ER)

This list is for readers who are beginning to or are already on the road to reading independently. We've divided the books by the number of words on a page and the concepts taught.

**These books are some of the earliest readers. They usually have one word, number, or a letter with an accompanying picture and are great to use for learning the alphabet, numbers, and learning beginning words.**

- (BB HIL) [Rocket's Mighty Words](#) by Tad Hills
- (BB WHA) [What Rhymes?](#) by Children's Press
- (ER HEL) [Mouse's Hide-and-Seek Words](#): a Phonics Reader
- (ER KID) [Snake Cake](#) by Yukiko Kido
- (ER KID) [Snow Bow](#) by Yukiko Kido
- (ER KID) [Stop Pop](#) by Yukiko Kido
- (ER MAR, E MAR, E WIC) [I SPY](#)
- (ER MAS) [Bob Books Listen and Read](#) by Bobby Lynn Maslen
- [Rookie Reader, Level A collection](#) by various authors
- (E BAD) [Pomelo's Opposites](#) by Ramona Badescu
- (E BRO) [One Gorilla: A Counting Book](#) by Anthony Browne
- (E FEL) [The Colors; The Numbers; and other books](#) by Monique Félix
- (E HOU) [Happy; Friends; Surprise; and other books](#) by Mies van Hout
- (E HUM) [The Human Alphabet](#) by John Kane
- (E JAC) [A Cow's Alfalfa-bet](#) by Woody Jackson
- (E JAY) [1 2 3: A Child's First Counting Book](#) by Alison Jay
- (E McC) [How to Be a Cat and other books](#) by Nikki McClure
- (E PEA) [A Child's Day: An Alphabet of Play](#) by Ida Pearle
- (E PRI) [Stick!](#) by Andy Pritchett
- (E ZIE) [Simms Taback's Big Book of Words](#) by Harriet Ziefert
- (J 428.1 KAT, J 529.1 KAT) [All About Opposites series](#) by Jane Katirgis

**These books have about two to five words per sentence.**

- (BB RIG) [That's Creepy!](#) by Kate Riggs
- (ER CAT) [The Fly Flew In](#) by David Catrow
- (ER GAR) [Car Goes Far](#) by Michael Garland
- (ER GAR) [Fish Had a Wish](#) by Michael Garland
- (ER GOR) [Me Too!](#) by Valeri Gorbachev
- (ER HAS) [Come Back Ben](#) by Ann Hassett
- (ER JAN) [I Will Try](#) by Marilyn Janovitz
- (ER MCK) [Pat, Cat, and Rat](#) by Cindy McKay

(ER MEI) [See Me Run](#) by Paul Meisel  
 (ER MEI) [See Me Dig](#) by Paul Meisel  
 (ER SHO) [Rosa Loves to Read](#) by Diane ZuHone Shore  
[Rookie Reader, Level B collection](#) by various authors  
[We Read Phonics, Level 1](#) by various authors  
 (E BLA) [Bear in a Square](#) by Stella Blackstone  
 (E CLE) [Drive; Speed; Big Tractor and other books](#) by Nathan Clement  
 (E EHL) [Color Farm, Rrralph, and other books](#) by Lois Ehler  
 (E GEO) [Magic Colors](#) by Patrick George  
 (E HAL) [Dino Bites!](#) by Algy Craig Hall  
 (E HEN) [SHHHH](#) by Kevin Henkes  
 (E JAY) [1 2 3: A Child's First Counting Book](#) by Alison Jay  
 (E LON) [A Train Goes Clickety-Clack](#) by Jonathan London  
 (E MAM) [Which Is Round? Which Is Bigger?](#) By Mineko Mamada  
 (E MUS) [Museum ABC](#) by the Metropolitan Museum of Art  
 (E NAK) [Wait! Wait!](#) by Hatsue Nakawaki  
 (E PAT) [I Smell – \(and other books\)](#) by PatrickGeorge (Firm)  
 (E SEE) [Green; Walter Was Worried; I Used to Be Afraid and other books](#) by Laura Vaccaro Seeger  
 (E TAF) [Spots, Feathers, and Curly Tails](#) by Nancy Tafuri  
 (E VIV) [A Long Way Away](#) by Frank Viva  
 (J 428.1 CLE) [Sounds Like Reading series](#) by Brian P. Cleary  
 (J 590 STE) [Blue Animals](#) by Melissa Stewart  
 (J 591.563) [Animals– and their Families](#) by Barbara Nascimbeni

**These books may have more than five words per sentence but are very easy to read, may have repetition, and great to learn concepts.**

(eBOOK) [I Have a Garden](#) by Bob Barner  
 (ER CAP) [Biscuit series](#) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli  
 (ER EMB) [The Lion and the Mice](#) by Rebecca Emberley  
 (ER HIL) [Beginning to Read books](#) by Margaret Hillert  
 (ER LEW) [I See and See; Look!; Can You See Me? and other books](#) by Ted Lewin  
 (ER MCG) [Whales](#) by Leslie McGuire  
 (ER ORS) [Where Is My Frog?](#) by Paul Orshoski  
 (ER SEU) [Books](#) by Dr. Seuss  
 (E BLO) [Fox Forgets](#) by Suzanne Bloom  
 (E BYE) [One Sheep, Two Sheep: A Book of Collective Nouns](#) by Patricia Byers  
 (E DOD) [Where's Pup?](#) by Dayle Ann Dodds  
 (E FIE) [Magic Words: From the Ancient Oral Tradition of the Inuit](#) by Edward Field  
 (E GRE) [A Number of Animals](#) by Kate Green  
 (E HIN) [I Am A Tyrannosaurus](#) by Anna Grossnickle Hines  
 (E HRU) [Counting in the Garden](#) by Emily Hruby  
 (E JON) [Around the Park: A Book about Circles](#) by Christianne C. Jones  
 (E LON) [Up, Tall and High](#) by Ethan Long  
 (E MEL) [Construction Crew](#) by Lynn Meltzer  
 (E NA) [Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit: A book of Changing Seasons](#)

(E RUE) [Bark Park](#) by Karen Gray Ruelle  
(E SUR) [I See Kitty](#) by Yasmine Surovec  
(E TUL) [I Am Blop!](#) by Hervé Tullet  
(E WEL) [Colors for Zena](#) by Monica Wellington  
(J 419.7 HEL) [Sign Language ABC](#) by Lora Heller  
(J 438.1 JOC) [Where Do You Look?](#) by Marthe Jocelyn  
(J 636.088 KAL) [My Big and Small Pets](#) by Bobbie Kalman  
(J 752 MIC) [Colors: A First Art Book](#) by Lucy Mickle

### **Books with Icons (Rebus stories)**

**These books have icons that are near the word they represent or have picture icons that take the place of words.**

(ER DOU, ER HAN, ER SAL) [First Words books](#) by various authors  
(ER MON) [Sound Box books](#) by Jane Belk Moncure  
[Rebus Reader series](#) by various authors

### **Short Chapter Books**

(ER GAY) [Now I'm Reading for Beginning Readers](#) by Nora Gaydos

**These books also may have more than five words per sentence but are also easy to read. These focus on learning science concepts and on other nonfiction topics.**

(E ANT) [The Tiger Cubs & the Chimp](#) by Bhagavan Antle and Thea Feldman  
(E JEN) [My First Day: What Animals Do on Day One](#) (and other books by Steven Jenkins)  
(E PFI) [Animal ABC](#) by Marcus Pfister  
(J 590 LEW) [What Am I? Where Am I?](#) by Ted Lewin  
(J 591.472 STO) [Stripes of All Types](#) by Susan Stockdale  
(J 599.222 LUN) [Hello Mama Wallaroo](#) by Darrin P. Lunde  
(J 611 BER) [Body = El Cuerpo](#)  
(J 636 ARL) [Puppies and Kittens](#) by Penelope Arlon  
(J 636.407 KUS) [Piglets](#) by Alex Kuskowski